GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal and (4) others – Initiation of departmental actions u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with under common proceedings u/r 24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 855 **Dated:16.12.2020**

Read the following:-

1. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur, Lr.Dt:18.10.2019.
2. Govt. Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/309/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:15/11/2019, 06/02/2020 , 24.07.2020 & 29.09.2020.
3. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No Vig 1(2)34/2019, dated: 22-04-202 , 14.09.2020 & 30.10.2020.
4. Govt. Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI/309/2019, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., Dated:16.12.2020.

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ORDER :-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril. Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal, and (4) others in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the Inquiry is proposed to be held Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril. Officer (TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at

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present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this G.O. a written statement of his defense and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is further informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal, (through the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur)

Copy to:

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur, (with a request to serve this order to the charged officer and return the served copy with dated acknowledgement.)
SC/SF.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE-1

STATEMENT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. M.GIREESH, THE THEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (TECH. ASST), O/o JDA, KURNOOL AND AT PRESENT WORKING AS ADA, O/o DDA, FTC, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

Article of Charge:

"that Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and at present working as ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal has failed to be vigilant and alert towards his duties while scrutinizing the bills submitted by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst, O/o JDA, Kurnool regarding the amounts meant for the benefit of farmers under NFSM and NMOOP schemes. The bills so submitted by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst were scrutinized by Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer(TA) and submitted by him to JDA, Kurnool for sanction of amounts. The Agril.Officer has scrutinized the bills in a routine manner without observing the laid down procedure and that facilitated the Junior Assistant Sri. G. Rajesh to fraudulently misappropriate the Government funds. Thus he neglected in discharging his legitimate duties properly and violated the Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964".

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. M.GIREESH, THE THEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (TECH. ASST), O/o JDA, KURNOOL AND AT PRESENT WORKING AS ADA, 0/o DDA, FTC, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

Basis of Charge:

On receipt of a report from the O/o JDA, Kurnool regarding the fraudulent misappropriation of Government funds by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst, O/o JDA, Kurnool under the schemes of NFSM and NMOOP, the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool has appointed a Four Men Committee to probe into the matter and submit the findings. The Four Men Committee in its submitted report has stated that the bills were submitted by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst to Sri. M. Gireesh, Agril.Officer (TA) for scrutiny, the bills were scrutinized by Sri. M. Gireesh, and submitted by him to the File No.AGCO2-32026(31)/1/2019-VIG - AGRHOD JDA, Kurnool for sanction of the amounts. The Bills were scrutinized in a routine manner without observing the laid down procedure. The committee has further observed that out of 16 number of bills misappropriated by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst, O/o JDA, Kurnool, (7) number of bills were processed by Sri. M. Gireesh as Technical Officer. The committee has further stated that the laxity of supervision, contributory negligence of supervisory officers has facilitated the Junior Assistant to commit financial fraud and resulted in misappropriation of Government funds.

Therefore, the aforesaid officer has shown gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. M.GIREESH, THE THEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (TECH. ASST) O/o JDA, KURNOOL AND AT PRESENT WORKING AS ADA, 0/0 DDA, FTC, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1)Report of Four Men committee appointed by the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool to enquire about the fraud and misappropriation of funds pertaining to NFSM & NMOOP schemes in the O/o JDA, Kurnool by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst(U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool.

2) Seven number of files processed through Sri.M. gireesh, the then Agril.Officer (TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool for sanction of amounts without properly scrutinizinig, which resulted in Misappropriation of funds by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst (U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI. M.GIREESH, THE THEN AGRICULTURAL OFFICER (TECH. ASST) O/o JDA, KURNOOL AND AT PRESENT WORKING AS ADA, O/o DDA, FTC, NANDYAL, KURNOOL DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Smt. U. Umamaheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as Project Director, ATMA, Kurnool.
2. Sri. G. Rajesh, Junior Assistant (U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool.

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